IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS

REINER FISCHER ET AL.

SERIAL NO.

Divisional of 08/875,872

FILED

Herewith

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FOR

2-PHENYL-SUBSTITUTED HETEROCYCLIC 1,3-KETONOLS

AS HERBICIDES AND PESTICIDES

ART UNIT

To be assigned

EXAMINER

To be assigned

December 11, 2001

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Hon. Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Insert as the first paragraph of the specification the following <u>new paragraph</u>:

--This application is a division of U.S. Serial No. 08/875,872, which was filed on August 5, 1997, and is now pending. U.S. Serial No. 08/875,872 was a 371 of PCT/EP96/00382, which was filed on January 31, 1996. Priority is claimed both of U.S. Serial No. 08/875,872 and PCT/EP96/00382.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 6-11, 13, and 15-26.

<u>REMARKS</u>

This application is a division of U.S. Serial No. 08/875,872. In this application, Applicants intend to present at least compounds of the formula (I) wherein Het represents the group (2).

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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